

April 12, 2011

To: D.C. Zoning Commission

RE: Opposition to Georgetown University Campus Plan 2010-2020, Case No. 10-32

Dear Commissioners:

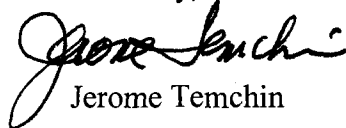
We are Jerome Temchin and Sara Adams, husband and wife, and are owners and occupants of a house at 3720 T St., NW. Jerome has lived in Burleith for 13 years and Sara for 26 years as DC residents. Jerome is 70 years old and Sara is 65 years old. We both love our location and the life that DC offers. But disruptive behavior by Georgetown students detracts from our quality of life.

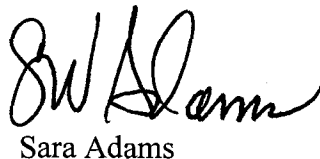
Our principal opposition to the Georgetown University plan is after we retire at night. Our bedroom faces the alley behind our house. The disturbance we experience comes both from Georgetown student parties in back of houses on S and 37th Streets and loud talking, including crude language, late at night when they return to the neighborhood. In addition, there is trash, usually beer cans and bottles strewn throughout the neighborhood on sidewalks and streets deposited by these same students who are walking drunk down the sidewalk and throwing their bottles and cans out on the street.

The problem with the Georgetown plan is that no matter how much enforcement is applied to bad student behavior, it is extremely disruptive to be awakened late at night, usually when you have just fallen asleep, and have to call the Georgetown University hotline or MPD to complain about the noise. Also, when you are wakened from loud talking in the alley accompanied with crude language, by the time you call it in, there is no longer any evidence that it occurred. It is also impossible to identify the individuals littering the neighborhood.

GU needs to reduce, not increase the number of students living in the neighborhood. They should require undergraduate students in particular to live on campus. This problem is not solved by building more dormitory rooms but not requiring the students to occupy them.

Sincerely,


Jerome Temchin


Sara Adams

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